

Mr. Snow enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1944, in New Orleans. His enlistment helped fill a need for black soldiers to fill segregated units to be shipped to Japan. As Snow packed to get ready to be shipped out, a fight broke out between a large number of black soldiers and Italian POWs.

Only two attorneys were appointed. They had just two weeks to prepare a defense and no access to key evidence. After the Army's longest court martial of World War II, 28 soldiers were convicted—and it was all wrong. 13 acquitted and charges against two others were dropped.

He spent a year in confinement. This was the largest court martial during the war, and the only time blacks were tried for alleged lynching. Mr. Snow was issued an ultimatum: Go to prison or receive a dishonorable discharge.

Last October, the Army overturned those convictions after Seattle author Jack Hamann's investigation proved the soldiers were unjustly tried in his book "On American Soil." Their convictions were all set aside. On Saturday, July 26, the Army officially apologized in a ceremony at Fort Lawton in Seattle in front of family and friends of 28 of the soldiers. Only 2 of them are still alive and Sam Snow was determined to attend the ceremony.

Mr. Snow travelled to Seattle from Florida and was admitted to a Seattle hospital Friday night. He smiled when his son Ray read the honorable discharge petition to him following the Saturday ceremony. At 12:45 a.m. Sunday, Samuel Snow died of congestive heart failure.

His son, Ray Snow, who traveled with him to Seattle, said "Getting that honorable discharge was more important than his health."

Sam Snow, on a previous visit to Fort Lawton, said that "we hope this never happens again and I am proud to be an American."

Samuel Snow was a speaker at my Veterans Braintrust at the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference this past September. His is very moving story and if there is one thing to learn, it is that we must always be vigilant against injustice.

He is survived by his loving wife, Margaret Snow; son, Ray; grandchildren, Maurice Snow, Denise S. Norwood, Marvin J. and Ray L. Snow; and three great-grandchildren.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. THELMA D. DRAKE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mrs. DRAKE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the Congressional Record regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 6599, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Project Name: Fire and Emergency Services Station

Requesting Member: Representative THELMA DRAKE

Bill Number: H.R. 6599

Account: Military Construction, Navy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Representative THELMA DRAKE

Address of Requesting Entity: Naval Station Norfolk, VA, USA

Description of Request: Accelerate funding of \$9,960,000 for a Fire and Emergency Services station located at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Name of Project: Physical Fitness Center
Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 6599

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Dover Air Force Base

Address of Requesting Entity: Dover, DE

Project Description: The existing fitness center at Dover AFB is not large enough to accommodate the needs of all personnel in sports, wellness, and fitness programs. A new facility is necessary to meet the Air Force's new requirements and emphasis on physical fitness, health, and wellness. The existing facility is insufficient to accommodate year-round use necessary for mission readiness. The new facility will provide for an additional gymnasium and fitness rooms, as well as incorporating a Health and Wellness Center. The project has been included in the President's FY09 Budget Request.

Name of Project: Information Operations Communication Facility

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 6599

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Dover Air Force Base

Address of Requesting Entity: Dover, DE

Project Description: The current Delaware National Guard Information Operations Unit operates from a cramped, overloaded, inadequate facility. Because of the specialized nature of this new mission, there are no facilities on the New Castle Air National Guard base that can accommodate the unit. Without a new facility, the unit will not be capable of properly training or supporting active combat missions with respect to intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance. This project has been included in the President's FY09 Budget Request.

CONGRATULATING LINDA NELSON

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend Linda Nelson on her retirement as President of the Iowa State Education Association (ISEA). Linda was elected President of the ISEA by nearly all of the 500 delegates at their annual meeting in 2004 and was re-elected in 2006. During her 4 year tenure as President Linda proved to be a strong and effective leader for the 34,000 members of the ISEA.

Linda has been active in the ISEA throughout her teaching career. At the local association level, Linda took on many leadership roles including president, executive board member, Governmental Affairs Committee chair, and building representative. Linda's passion for teaching and politics lead her to become involved in ISEA's Political Action Committee where she served in several different positions. In 1992, Linda was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives where she spent four years fighting for teachers all across Iowa. Most importantly, Linda has dedicated her life to being an educator and has been a good friend and mentor to her fellow ISEA members, teaching colleagues and her students.

I'm happy to report that this fall Linda will be returning to her teaching duties at Carter Lake Elementary School in Council Bluffs. Linda taught 4th grade at Carter Lake for 31 years before being elected ISEA President. I congratulate her on all of her success and wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIR

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Humboldt County Fair on its 150th year anniversary this year, recognized from July 23 to July 27, 2008. The Humboldt County Fair is located in Dakota City, Iowa and serves the approximate 10,000 residents of the county in North Central Iowa.

In 1858, the 300 people living in Humboldt County wanted to get together for a social event offering opportunities to display prize produce and compete at the skills of farming. The first Humboldt County Fair was held in Dakota City on October 5, 1858. The best livestock and agricultural products of the county were on display, showcasing the pride and competitive spirit of America as well as prospects for future agricultural prosperity.

The town of Springvale, larger than Dakota City, attempted to relocate the fair in 1866. But Charles Bergk, a prominent citizen, offered to donate 15 acres of land, furnish enough lumber to fence the entire tract, and dig a well if the fair was held in Dakota City. And so the fair remained in Dakota City.

The fair of 1912 was not a success, and there were fears that the end of the county fair was near. A group of Humboldt's leading citizens organized the Humboldt Get-Together Club and met at MacNamara's Drug Store to discuss the situation. They developed a plan to not only continue the fair but make it bigger and better.

Throughout the many years, the Humboldt County Fair has thrived and kept the county together with community fellowship, celebration and camaraderie. I congratulate the Humboldt County Fair on this historic anniversary. It is an honor to represent the past and current members of the county fair board in the United States Congress. I wish the Humboldt County Fair and Humboldt community an equally storied future.